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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES MEETING WITH MORO

BRUSSELS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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1. FONOFF SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA BRIEFED US TODAY ON MORO-
SAUVAGNARGUES JULY 1-2 MEETING IN SARDINIA. MAIN SUBJECTS TREATED,
IN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ATTENDED BY GAJA AND
SEVERAL TOP ADVISERS ONEACH SIDE, WERE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, EURO-
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-ARAB DIALOGUE AND CSCE. ALTHOUGH SAUVAGNARGUES WAS STILL FEELING

HIS WAY AND VISIBLY CONSCIOUS OF GISCARD'S LONG SHADOW IN FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, GAJA SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, AS AN ERSTWHILE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE AND LONG-STANDING FRIEND OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, CONVERSATION WAS RELAXED AND USEFUL TO BOTH SIDES.

2. ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS THAT SAUVAGNARGUES HAD PROPOSED AND MORO AGREED TO EC SUMMIT DURING LAST HALF OF 1974, GAJA SAID THAT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AS USUAL WERE EXAGGERATED. SAUVAGNARGUES HAD RAISED SUMMIT POSSIBILITY, GAJA ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT IN NATURAL CONTEXT OF EC AGREEMENT TO HOLD SUMMITS AT SIX MONTH INTERVALS. WHILE SUMMIT DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF YEAR HAD PROVED IMPOSSIBLE, SAUVAGNARGUES SAID FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO ORGANIZE ONE IN LATTER HALF OF YEAR IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. SAUVAGNARGUES NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SUMMIT COULD BE HELD ONLY AFTER BRITISH ELECTIONS AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR TERMINATION OF CSCE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SUMMIT PROJECT ONLY IN EXPLORATORY STAGE AT THIS POINT AND WOULD REQUIRE GISCARD'S SEAL OF APPROVAL.

3. DURING DISCUSSION ON MIDDLE EAST, BOTH MORO AND SAUVAGNARGUES AGREED THAT EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH US PEACE EFFORTS, GENEVA CONFERENCE OR EFFORTS AIMED AT COPING WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS. ON LATTER SUBJECT, SAUVAGNARGUES, ACCORDING TO GAJA, EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO FIND SOME FORMULA, POSSIBLY THROUGH OECD, TO ENABLE FRENCH TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO SOLVE ENERGY PROBLEMS. TURNING TO CSCE, MORO INDICATED THAT ITALIANS HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO END CONFERENCE WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. SAUVAGNARGUES AGREED WITH MUCH OF MORO'S REASONING IN FAVOR OF AN EARLY CSCE TERMINATION BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO THIS LINE OF ACTION AT THIS TIME. GAJA HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SAUVAGNARGUES WAS NOT SURE OF GISCARD'S FINAL VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

4. PRESS REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS, IN ADDITION, DISCUSSED EC REGIONAL POLICY, THE MEDITERRANEAN (FOCUSSED ON PORTUGAL), EUROPEAN UNIFICATION PROSPECTS AND US-EC RELATIONS. VOLPE

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